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SUBJECT: ABU DAOUD ARRIVES IN ALGIERS

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1. ABU DAOUD ARRIVED IN ALGIERS ABOARD AIR ALGERIE PLANE THIS EVENING AT 1805 GMT. ACCORDING TO ALGERIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION, HE WAS MET BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF FLN AND OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INCLUDING MFA ARAB AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF BEN KACI, AS WELL AS BY ALGIERS REPRESENTATIVES OF FATAH, INCLUDING NUMBER TWO ABU YASIR. WESTERN WIRE SERVICE STRINGER ON SCENE REPORTS FLN AND FATAH REPS FAR MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN MFA OFFICIALS, BUT FACT REMAINS THAT RADIO DID SINGLE BEN KACI OUT BY NAME.

2. LOOKING FIT AND WELL, ABOU DAOUD MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN Q & A SESSION HELD UPON ARRIVAL FOR ARABIC MEDIA AND SHOWN IN LIVING COLOR ON 2000 GMT TELEVISION NEWS: (A) HIS ARREST WAS PURELY POLITICAL ACT ON PART OF FRENCH INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ORGANS, WHICH COLLABORATE WITH ISRAELI COUNTERPARTS, MEANT TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM MOST RECENT ASSASSINATION OF PALESTINIAN IN PARIS AND TO COMPROMISE
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ANNOUNCED FRENCH POLICY OF SYMPATHY FOR ARAB CAUSE; (B) ARREST HIGHLIGHTS CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ANNOUNCED FRENCH POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE AND COOPERATION WITH ARABS, AS ILLUSTRATED BY RECENT STATEMENT BY FRENCH FONMIN SUPPORTING IDEA OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, AND POLICY OF "HIDDEN HANDS INSIDE FRENCH ORGANS", WHICH ARE TRYING TO CREATE PROBLEMS WITH PALESTINIANS AND OBSTRUCT GROWTH

OF FRENCH-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS; (C) FRENCH JUSTICE IS EXCELLENT. ALTHOUGH HELD FOR SOME TIME, QUESTIONED IN FRENCH (LANGUAGE HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND), AND THEN DETAINED IN PRISON WITH "COMMON CRIMINALS, PROFESSIONAL THIEVES, AND ROBBERS", HE WAS RELEASED WHEN ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM WERE DECLARED ILLIEGAL; (D) IF ANYONE SHOULD BE TRIED FOR MURDER OF ISRAELIS (AND PALESTINIANS) AT MUNICH, IT IS BAVARIAN"WEST GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER, WHO GAVE ORDER TO KILL.

3. AS PART OF EVENING MEDIA SPLASH OVER ABU DAOUD, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTED ARAB STATEMENTS IN PARIS EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH FRENCH ACTION AND CONTRASTED THESE WITH "IMPERIALIST AND WESTERN CONDEMNATIONS". IN ALGERIA AT LEAST, FRANCE WILL MAKE POINTS FROM ITS HANDLING OF AFFAIR.

4. IF PATTERNS OF PAST ARE FOLLOWED, ABU DAOUD WILL ENJOY ONE MORE DAY OF MEDIA COVERAGE THROUGH MEETINGS WITH FLN OFFICIALS AND WILL THEN DO A QUICK DISAPPEARING ACT. AS ONE NEWSMAN AT AIRPORT TOLD WESTERN WIRE SERVICE STRINGER, ALGERIA SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME A DUMPING GROUND ("DEPOTOIR") FOR SUCH PERSONALITIES.

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